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CENTRAL FAX CENTER

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**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) A passenger conveyer system ~~(40)~~ comprising:  
a first step ~~(24)~~;  
a second step ~~(30)~~ adjacent the first step ~~(24)~~ with a spacing ~~(36)~~ at an interface between the first step ~~(24)~~ and the second step ~~(30)~~; and  
a sound transmission reducing member ~~(40, 50)~~ associated with the interface to at least partially obstruct a sound pathway that includes the spacing ~~(36)~~; and  
a sound insulating material that is distinct from the sound transmission reducing member supported on an underside of each step.
2. (Currently Amended) The conveyer system of claim 1, wherein the sound transmission reducing member ~~(40, 50)~~ is attached to at least one of the steps ~~(24, 30)~~.
3. (Currently Amended) The conveyer system of claim 1, wherein the sound transmission reducing member ~~(40)~~ is formed as a part of at least one of the steps.
4. (Cancelled)
5. (Currently Amended) The conveyer system of ~~claim 4~~ claim 1, wherein the sound insulating material ~~(46)~~ comprises foam.
6. (Currently Amended) The conveyer system of claim 1, wherein the sound transmission reducing member ~~(40)~~ comprises a lip ~~(43)~~ extending from an end ~~(41)~~ of one of the steps.
7. (Currently Amended) The conveyer system of claim 6, wherein the lip ~~(43)~~ is integrally formed as part of the step.

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8. (Currently Amended) The conveyer system of claim 1, wherein the sound transmission reducing member ~~(40, 50)~~ comprises a seal ~~(50)~~ supported by one of the steps and having a portion ~~(54)~~ extending across the spacing ~~(36)~~.

9. (Currently Amended) The conveyer system of claim 8, wherein the seal ~~(50)~~ is a solid material.

10. (Currently Amended) The conveyer system of claim 1, wherein the seal ~~(50)~~ comprises a brush strip ~~(54)~~ having a portion extending across the spacing ~~(36)~~.

11. (Currently Amended) The conveyor system of claim 1, wherein the sound transmission reducing member ~~(40, 50)~~ eliminates a direct transmission pathway that includes the spacing ~~(36)~~.

12-15. (Cancelled)

16. (Currently Amended) A method of reducing sound in a conveyer system ~~(10)~~ having a plurality of steps ~~(14, 24, 30)~~ with a spacing ~~(36)~~ at an interface between the steps comprising:  
supporting-forming a sound transmission reducing member ~~(40, 50)~~ on at least one of the steps as a part of the one of the steps and made of the same material as the one of the steps to at least partially obstruct a sound pathway through the spacing ~~(36)~~.

17. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 16, including attaching ~~the~~ another sound transmission reducing member ~~(40, 50)~~ to the step.

18. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 16, including obstructing the spacing ~~(36)~~ with a sound sealing device ~~(54)~~.

19. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 16, including providing sound absorbing material ~~(46)~~ on a side of the step that faces a sound source.

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20. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 16 including eliminating a direct sound transmission path through the spacing-(36).

21. (New) A passenger conveyor system comprising:

a first step;

a second step adjacent the first step with a spacing at an interface between the first step and the second step; and

a lip formed on at least one of the steps to be a part of the one of the steps and made of the same material as the one of the steps, the lip being positioned relative to the interface to at least partially obstruct a sound pathway that includes the spacing such that the lip is operative as a sound transmission reducing member.

22. (New) The passenger conveyor system of claim 21, comprising

a step insulating material that is different than the material of the steps supported on an underside of each step.

23. (New) The passenger conveyor system of claim 22, wherein the sound insulating material comprises foam.

24. (New) The passenger conveyor system of claim 21, comprising another sound transmission reducing member supported by one of the steps and having a portion extending across the spacing.

25. (New) The passenger conveyor system of claim 24, wherein the other sound transmission reducing member comprises one of a solid material or a brush strip.